

A communication from Robert Lemmon, Esq, one of the Auctioneers within the City of Baltimore, under the authority of the State, was received by us on the 23d day of July last, stating that a suit had been instituted against him, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, for the recovery of a fine of \$500, for not complying with their ordinance, then recently passed, for the regulation of Sales by Auction; and calling on us, (as the measure was an attack both on the Law and Revenue of the State,) to direct our law officer to resist it at the States' cost. This request appearing to us reasonable and proper, we directed the Clerk of the Council to apprise Mr. Lemmon that it would be complied with, and by our direction the letter of which the document marked No. 11, is a copy, was addressed to the Attorney General.

We have not received an official copy of the ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, regulating Sales by Auction, referred to in the letter of Mr. Lemmon, nor any other evidence of their proceedings under it. But we have reason to believe that, in addition to the prosecution of Auctioneers, for selling under the authority of the State, that the Mayor and City Council, have Licensed Auctioneers, who are selling under their authority, in violation of the law of the State.

We have deemed it our duty, to submit this subject to your consideration, with the view to such further Legislation as you may deem necessary for preserving the Revenue arising from this source, and for maintaining and enforcing the State Law.

We transmit herewith some claims for Militia services in Cecil County, which not having authority, under existing laws, to settle, we submit for your consideration.

Since the last session of the General Assembly, we have received from the Governors of the States of New York and Maine, copies of sundry Resolutions passed by the Legislatures of those States, in relation to slavery and abolitionism, which in conformity with the requests accompanying said Resolutions, we herewith transmit for your consideration.

The indications from various quarters of a disposition to press upon the public attention the subject of slavery, with a view to its abolition, which have been occasionally manifested for many years past, have, within the last few years, assumed an aspect and importance vitally affecting the people of the States, in which a slave population exists to any considerable extent.